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Title Multi-Use Floor Sign

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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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3 Executed Power of Attorney forms

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